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SUBJECT: ATLANTIC DECLARATION PROPOSAL: JAPANESE VIEWS

1. JAPANESE EMBASSY POLCOUNS MURATA CALLED ON DEPTOFF
SEPTEMBER 19 TO PROBE CURRENT USG THINKING ON JOINT
DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES AND US-EC DECLARATION, NOTING
THAT FONMIN OHIRA EXPECTS TO DISCUSS THESE DOCUMENTS
NEXT WEEK IN NEW YORK WITH SECRETARY-DESIGNATE KISSINGER.

2. DEPTOFF SAID THAT WE ARE AWAITING RECEIPT OF
DECLARATION BEING DRAFTED BY EC NINE AND WOULD NOT BE
IN A POSITION TO COMMENT ON SUBSTANTIVE OR PROCEDURAL
ASPECTS UNTIL EC PROPOSALS HAD BEEN CONSIDERED.

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3. MURATA THOUGHT JAPANESE POLITICAL LEFT WOULD STRONGLY OPPOSE GOJ ASSOCIATION WITH "SECURITY ASPECTS" OF ANY DECLARATION. HE BELIEVED IT LIKELY, THEREFORE, THAT JAPAN WOULD AVOID SUCH ASSOCIATION AND TRY TO IDENTIFY INSTEAD WITH ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL PRINCIPLES IN US-EC DECLARATION. MURATA ADDED THAT IN EVENT US AND WEST EUROPEANS AGREE TO CHAPEAU ARRANGEMENT LINKING THE TWO DECLARATIONS, JAPAN WOULD PROBABLY ALSO WISH TO IDENTIFY WITH IT.

4. DEPTOFF THANKED MURATA FOR CONVEYING GOJ VIEWS AND IN-

DICATED WE WOULD WISH TO STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH JAPANESE EMBASSY OFFICIALS ON THIS SUBJECT. RUSH

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